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REMARKS

Even though the mushroom shape was known [*Manor lines 57 to lines 59 column 6: i.e., hook and loop systems, useful in the present invention include mushroom hooks, 'J' hooks, stalks, and 'T' hook*], it is not obvious that this particular mushroom shape is resistant [background of the invention page 9 lines 5 to lines 9: *The mushroom shapes offer a form of hook which is equally strong all around, on 360 degrees. They tend to grab more than one fiber at a time. Hence, they are resistant to shear effort applied in any direction* (note that a shear effort is applied between two parallel pads which remain stuck together when the shear resisting strength is high. It is then very difficult to separate two pads when the mushroom shape hook is used in combination with regular loop) *and stay easy to change when an effort is applied in tension*] (this last line refers to a tension effort which is happening when two pads are separated by pulling them apart, which is not the case in a static application when the pads are pressed together between a chair leg and a floor) as opposed to the other two shapes namely T shape and J shape.

None of the prior-art pads can provide these new and unexpected results. Since the novel above physical features of applicant's device provide these new and unexpected results over any reference, applicant submits that these new results indicate unobviousness and hence patentability. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

I hereby declare that no new matter has been added nor any technical information that was not present in my application as originally filed. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge

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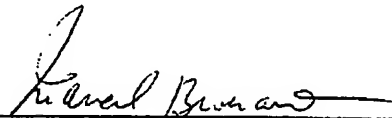
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Applicant respectfully requests that timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



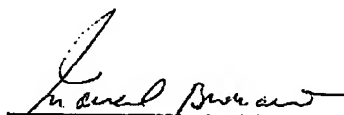
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